GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:992
ANSWERED ON:21.07.2017
ICDS Scheme
Solanki Dr. Kirit Premjibhai

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) scheme implemented by the Government along with the funds allocated/released and utilized thereunder during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT and component-wise;
(b) the number of children and women benefited under the scheme particularly from SC and ST categories during the said period;
(c) the country's position in the World rankings on malnutrition;
(d) whether the Government has addressed the problem of slow progress in improvement of malnutrition especially amongst women and the SC and ST categories and if so, the details thereof along with the measures taken to improve India's ranking on malnutrition;
(e) whether the Government has considered Public Private Partnership in schemes like ICDS, Mid Day Meal Scheme and PDS or considered collaboration in CSR programmes, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
(f) whether the Government has considered the formulation of a National Nutrition Mission and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
(SHRIMATI KRISHNA RAJ)

(a) Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme, aiming at holistic development of Children below 6 years of age and Pregnant Women & Lactating Mothers, by providing a package of six services comprising (i) Supplementary nutrition (ii) Pre-school non-formal education (iii) Nutrition and health Education (iv) Immunization (v) Health check-up and (vi) Referral services through Anganwadi Centres at grassroots level. Three of the six services viz., immunization, health check-up and referral services are related to health and are provided by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare through NRHM & Public Health Infrastructure. The services are provided through 13.54 lakh Anganwadi centres located across the country. Cost of implementation of the Scheme is shared by the Center and States/UTs as per ratio decided by the Government from time to time. State/UT-wise and component-wise funds allocated for implementation of ICDS Scheme is at Annex-I(A). State/UT-wise funds released and utilised for last three years and current year is at Annex-I (B).

(b) The number of Pregnant Women & Lactating Mothers and Children (6 months to 6 years) benefitted under the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme including SCs and STs categories during each of the last three years are as under:

(Beneficiaries in lakhs)
Year Children (6 months to 6 years) Pregnant Women & Lactating Mother Pre-school Education i.e. Children (3 years to 6 years
2014-15 828.99 193.34 365.44
2015-16 828.79 192.52 350.35
2016-17 800.73 182.69 340.52

(c): As per "The State of the World's Children 2016" Report published by United Nations International Children Emergency Fund (UNICEF) which is based on 2005-2006 data, India ranks 10th in terms of underweight prevalence and 17th in terms of stunting prevalence in the world. However, as per NFHS-4 survey based on 2015-16 data the prevalence of underweight and stunting has come down to 35.7% & 38.4% from 42.5% & 48% NFSH-3

(d): The Government is implementing several schemes and programs like Anganwadi Services and Scheme for Adolescent girls under Umbrella ICDS to address the problem of malnutrition.

(e): There is no proposal for Public Private Partnership for ICDS and PDS Schemes. The Mid Day Meal guidelines provides for centralized kitchens run by NGOs in urban areas where there is space constraints under the PPP model. The State/UT-wise number of schools covered by NGOs is at Annex-II.

(f): Yes, Madam.

****